

SAMUEL JOSEPH LLOYD

PW/1023, Private, Samuel Joseph Lloyd, 18th Battalion, Duke of Cambridge Own Middlesex Regiment.

Born in 1874 at Poynton, eldest son of coal miner, James and Elizabeth Lloyd, living at Worth Clough, Poynton, later to move to Park Lane, Poynton. The 1891 census shows there were

eight children in the family, Samuel, Hannah, Eliza, Mary Ellen, Edith, Martha, William and James. Samuel married Martha Warburton on the 6th May 1899 at Poynton Parish Church. When Samuel enlisted, he was living at 261 Fitzroy Street, Ashton under Lyne, Lancashire with his four children, Marion (9) James Allan (7), Eliya Ann (6) and Martha (8 months). He was employed as a miner. Samuel attested at Ashton under Lyne, Lancashire. His army medical record shows him to have been a man of five feet five inches tall, weighing 144lbs with a thirty six inch chest measurement. He joined his regiment at Hornsea and on completion of his initial basic training he was drafted with the British Expeditionary Force to France, 14/11/1915. The 18th Battalion, Middlesex was a Pioneer unit in the 33rd Division and in December 1915 were positioned at GORRE. Samuel survived the hostilities for just 25 days, he was killed in action, 09/12/1915, aged 41 years.

Medals: 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal.

His widow signed for his medals and was living at 56 Schofield Street, Mexborough, Yorkshire. She received a pension of twenty five shillings per week for herself and four children.

Private, Samuel Joseph Lloyd is buried at Guards Cemetery, Windy Corner, Cuinchy, Pas de Calais, France. C.W.G.C. Ref: - II.H.1.

